

## WELCOME, ALL WORSHIPERS

WHOEVER YOU ARE, AND WHEREVER YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME  
HERE.

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JESUS SAID, "WHAT MY FATHER HAS GIVEN ME IS GREATER THAN ALL ELSE, AND NO ONE  
CAN SNATCH IT OUT OF MY FATHER'S HAND." JOHN 10:29  
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(\*) INDICATES WHEN THOSE WHO ARE ABLE MAY STAND.

### PRELUDE

### WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(PLEASE COMPLETE THE FRIENDSHIP BOOK AS IT IS PASSED DURING ANNOUNCEMENTS; THEN PASS IT  
TOWARD THE CENTER AISLE.)

### A TIME OF REFLECTION

**\*OPENING HYMN: #197 JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS** (VERSES 1-3)

THIS SELECTION IS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

**BILL DEMPSEY, LAY READER**

LEADER: THIS IS THE DAY THAT THE LORD HAS MADE.

**ALL: LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**ALL: GOD FOR ALL SEASONS, WE WORSHIP AND ADORE YOU. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE  
BEAUTIFUL BALANCE IN NATURE. THE EARTH IS YOURS IN ALL ITS COMPLEXITY AND  
FULLNESS — AND WE ARE YOURS AS WELL. ACCEPT OUR TRIBUTE OF PRAISE. YOU HAVE  
ALL KNOWLEDGE AND ALL POWER. THANKS BE TO YOU. AMEN.**

**\*THE GLORIA PATRI (SUNG)**

**GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY GHOST; AS IT WAS IN THE  
BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND EVER SHALL BE, WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN.**

WORDS: ANONYMOUS, 4TH CENTURY. MUSIC: HENRY GREATOREX. THIS SELECTION IS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

### ANTHEM

**SCRIPTURE LESSON: JOHN 10:22-30**

**SERMON: "GREATER THAN ALL ELSE"**

**REV. DICK HOTCHKIN**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS AND DEBTORS)**

**\*HYMN: #460 GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU** (VERSES 1-4)

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### SHARING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

LEADER: LET US GIVE AS EACH IS ABLE FROM THE FULLNESS OF OUR  
GRATITUDE TO GOD.

OFFERTORY

**\*DOXOLOGY PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW.  
PRAISE GOD, ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW.  
PRAISE GOD ABOVE, YE HEAVENLY HOST.  
PRAISE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY GHOST. AMEN**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION (ALL): ALL GOOD GIFTS ARE FROM GOD.  
WE SHARE OUR GIFTS WITH GRATITUDE. MAY WE GIVE WITH PASSION FOR  
JUSTICE, AND WITH GOD'S LOVE GUIDING OUR PATHS. AMEN.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN: #223 WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS** (VERSES 1-3)

THIS SELECTION IS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN

**\*BENEDICTION: GO IN PEACE. LET THE BEAUTY OF THE LORD OUR GOD BE UPON YOU,  
AND LINGER IN YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS THROUGHOUT THE COMING WEEK, AND  
FOREVERMORE. AMEN.**

**\*UNISON RESPONSE:**

**AND GOD WILL RAISE YOU UP ON EAGLE'S WINGS, BEAR YOU ON THE BREATH OF DAWN,  
MAKE YOU TO SHINE LIKE THE SUN, AND HOLD YOU IN THE PALM OF GOD'S HAND. AMEN.**

### POSTLUDE

**OUR APPRECIATION IS EXTENDED TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS  
WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY**

**LAY READER:** BILL DEMPSEY

**ALTAR GUILD:** PAT GARANT

**USHERS:** GARY & SANDY JARMUSEWSKI

**GREETER:** BEV OLSEN

**FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:** RON & LYNN BORKE, BETH PETTY

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY                      MARCH 17    10:00 AM                      WORSHIP SERVICE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ❖ DEADLINE FOR ORDERING EASTER FLOWERS IS TOMORROW, MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>.
- ❖ FREE MATH OR GERMAN TUTORING BY A RETIRED TEACHER WILL BE AVAILABLE AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC IN ALPENA ON MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS AND SUNDAYS. CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE 989-356-1795 OR 989-595-6362 OR TEXT 989-255-8991 TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT OR FOR MORE INFORMATION.
- ❖ THERE ARE MEMBER DECLARATION CARDS ON THE TABLE IN THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY. YOU MAY COMPLETE THESE AND PUT THEM IN THE BOX BY THE OFFICE DOOR.
- ❖ THE 2024 LADIES LUNCHESES ARE SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 12, MAY 10, AND JUNE 14. THE LADIES WILL PLAN TO MEET AT 11:30 AM AT THE BIG BOY ON RIPLEY BLVD. PLEASE CONTACT BOBBI ZUBI AT 989-657-9996 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. ALL ARE WELCOME!
- ❖ PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK FOR CARE LETTERS AND CARDS IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY.
- ❖ THE AREA FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF: BOXED OR PACKAGES OF MASHED, AU GRATIN, SCALLOPED OR CHEESY POTATOES, CANNED CORN, CANNED PORK AND BEANS, CEREAL, CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP AND RICE OR NOODLE SIDES (IN POUCHES)

SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVE-STREAMED AND RECORDED -- OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVE-STREAMED, SHOWN ON THE INTERNET, AS THEY ARE HAPPENING AND RECORDED FOR VIEWING ONLINE LATER. PEOPLE IN THE SANCTUARY ATTENDING THE SUNDAY SERVICE MAY BE SEEN AS PART OF THE LIVE-STREAM AND RECORDING.

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A UNISEX HANDICAP-ACCESSIBLE RESTROOM IS LOCATED THROUGH THE DOORS TO YOUR LEFT AS YOU EXIT THE SANCTUARY. A HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE LADIES RESTROOM IS NEAR THE LOCKWOOD STREET ENTRANCE. A MEN'S ROOM IS IN THE MIDDLE HALLWAY.  
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# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**March 17, 2024**

*As an Open and Affirming congregation,  
we welcome people as they are,  
share Jesus as He is, and serve  
our community and the world in love.*



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*The Rev. Dr. H. Robert Case, Pastor Emeritus*

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